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KODANSHA COMICS

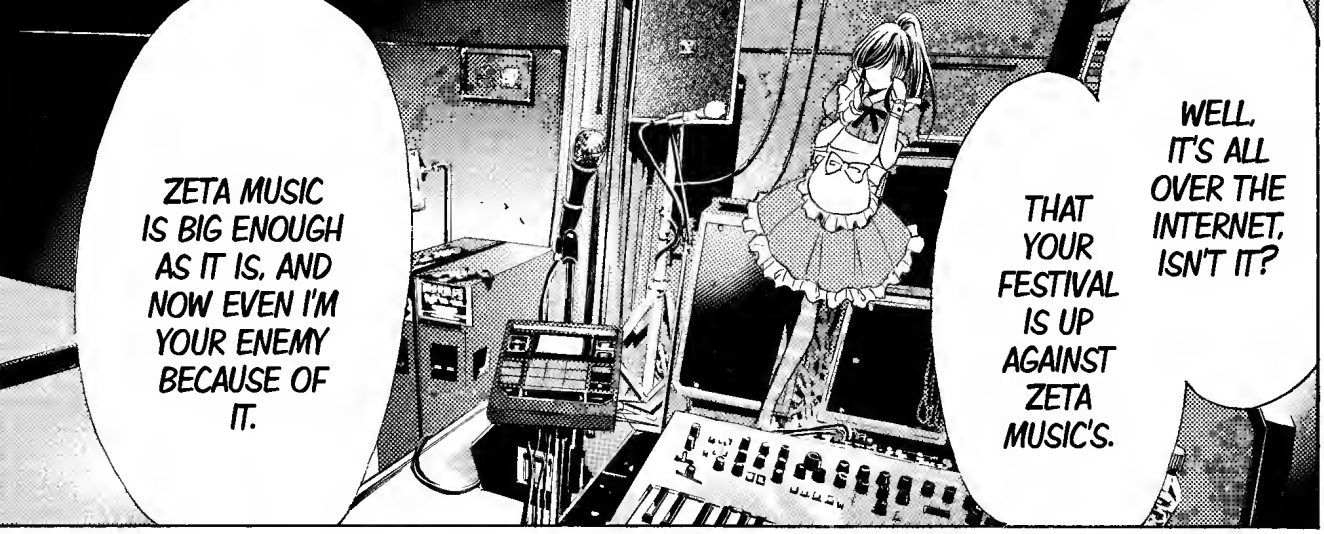
CHAPTER 171

KOUJI SEO

#171 VISITORS.

PREVIOUSLY

ZETA MUSIC ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO HOLD A FESTIVAL ON THE SAME DAY THAT BLUE WELLS HAD CHOSEN FOR THEIRS! YUU AND HIS BANDMATES WERE AT A LOSS AFTER BEING THWARTED BY PRESIDENT IKOMA YET AGAIN... IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER. THEY HAVE TO OVERCOME THIS OBSTACLE!


WELL, IT'S ALL OVER THE INTERNET, ISN'T IT?
THAT YOUR FESTIVAL IS UP AGAINST ZETA MUSIC'S.
ZETA MUSIC IS BIG ENOUGH AS IT IS, AND NOW EVEN I'M YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE OF IT.

ENEMY? COME ON!
I DON'T THINK THAT AT ALL.
Y-YOU DON'T?
NAH. YOU'RE JUST DOING YOUR JOB.
YOU COULDN'T HELP IT, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

STILL...
YOU'RE A REALLY IMPORTANT FRIEND TO ME.
I WAS HOPING TO BE OF AT LEAST SOME HELP TO YOU.
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TAMA-CHAN...

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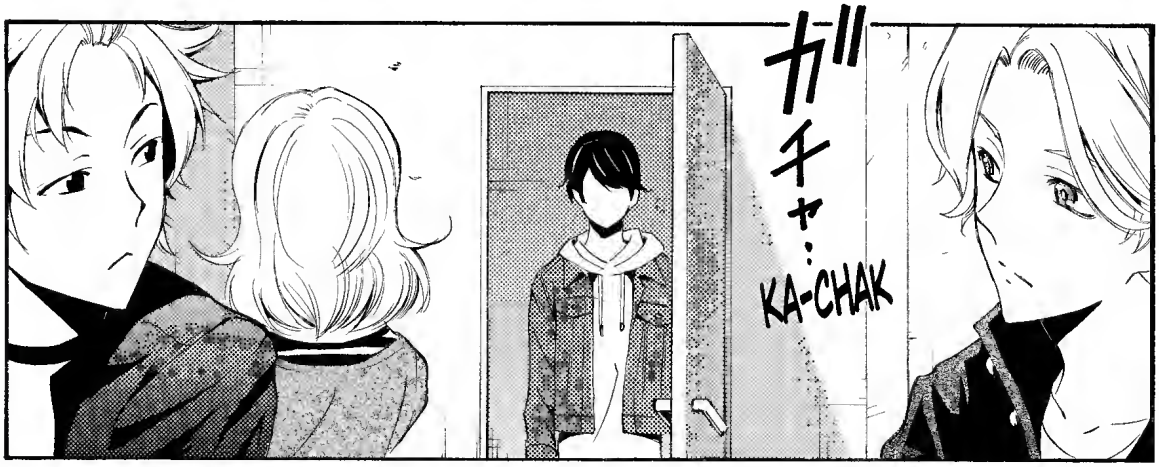
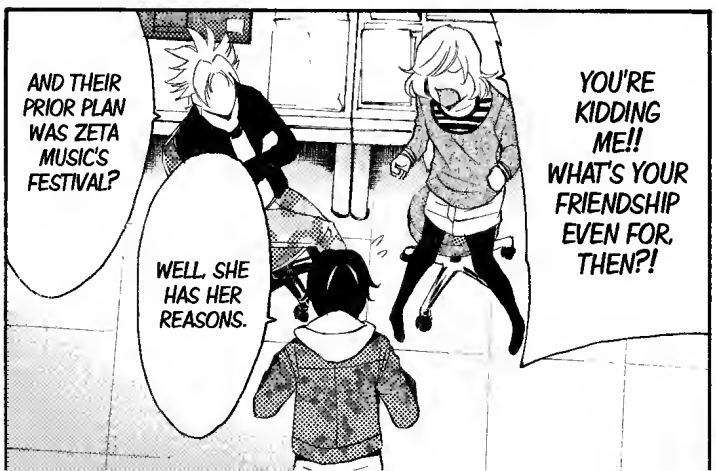
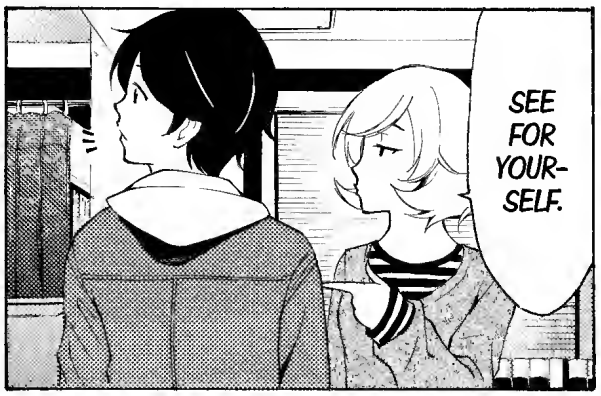




MORE IMPORTANTLY, DID YOU FIND A COMPANY THAT'LL SET UP THE VENUE FOR US?
YOU SAID THE COMPANY PRESIDENT AMAYA KNOWS FELL THROUGH--


SEE FOR YOUR-SELF.

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UM.
I BROUGHT TEA.
THE WHOLE WORLD IS TOO DAMN BUSY.
EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM SAYS THEY'RE BUSY.
FORGET IT. TEA STALKS WON'T HELP NOW.

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HUH?
THE IDEA OF OUR COMPANY HOLDING ITS OWN FESTIVAL...
...MIGHT HAVE BEEN A PIPE DREAM FROM THE START...

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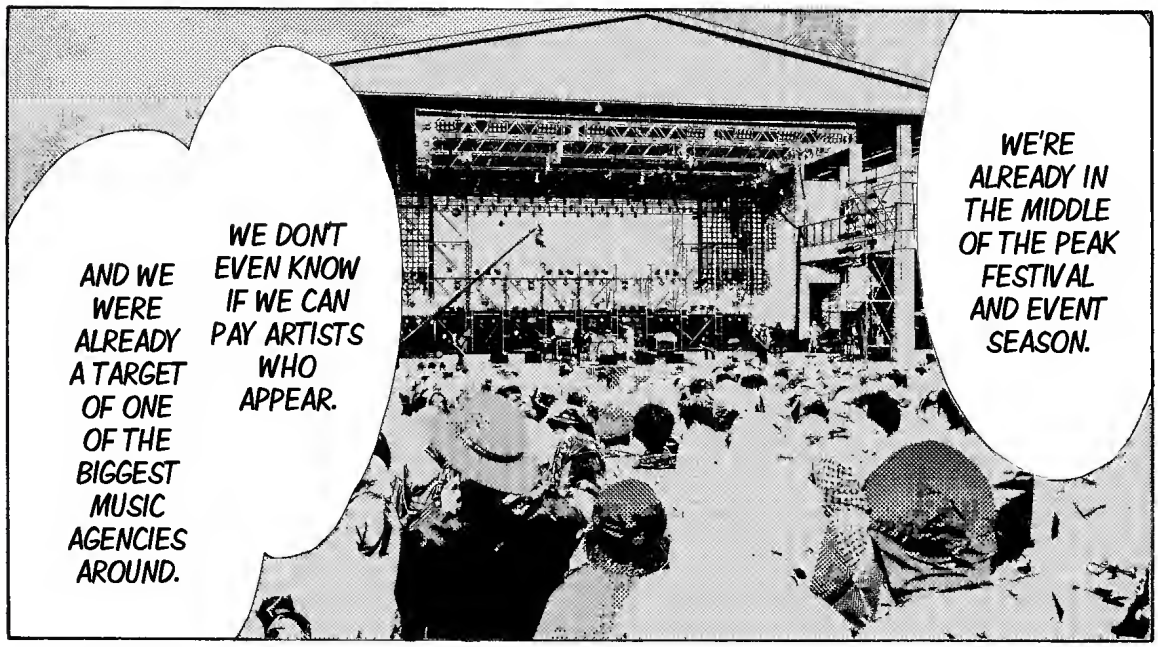
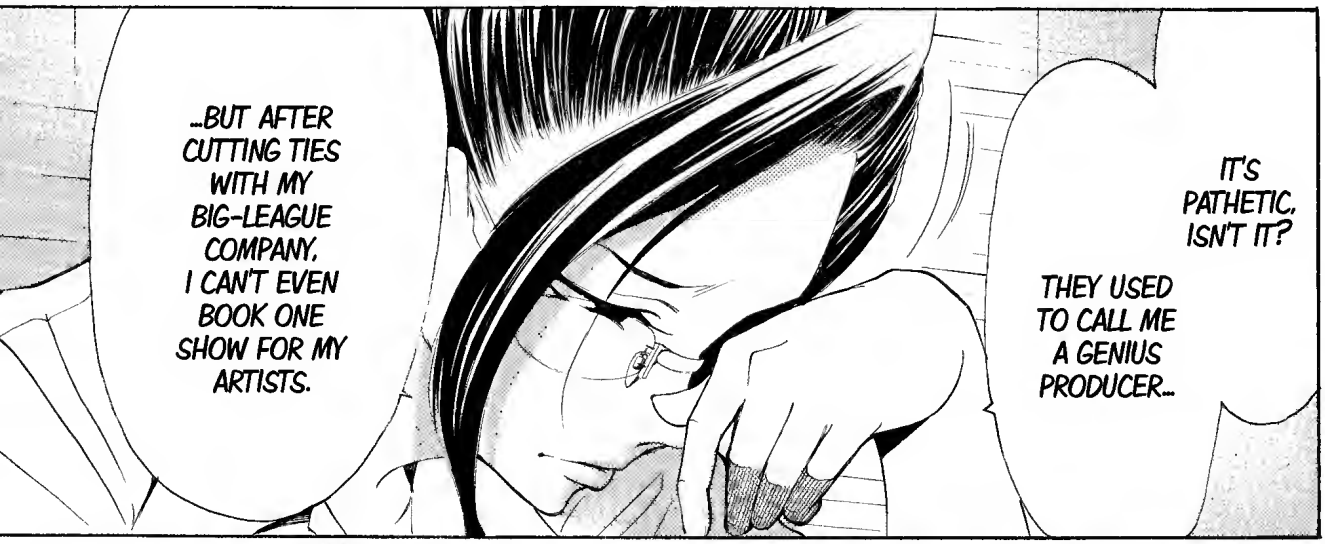
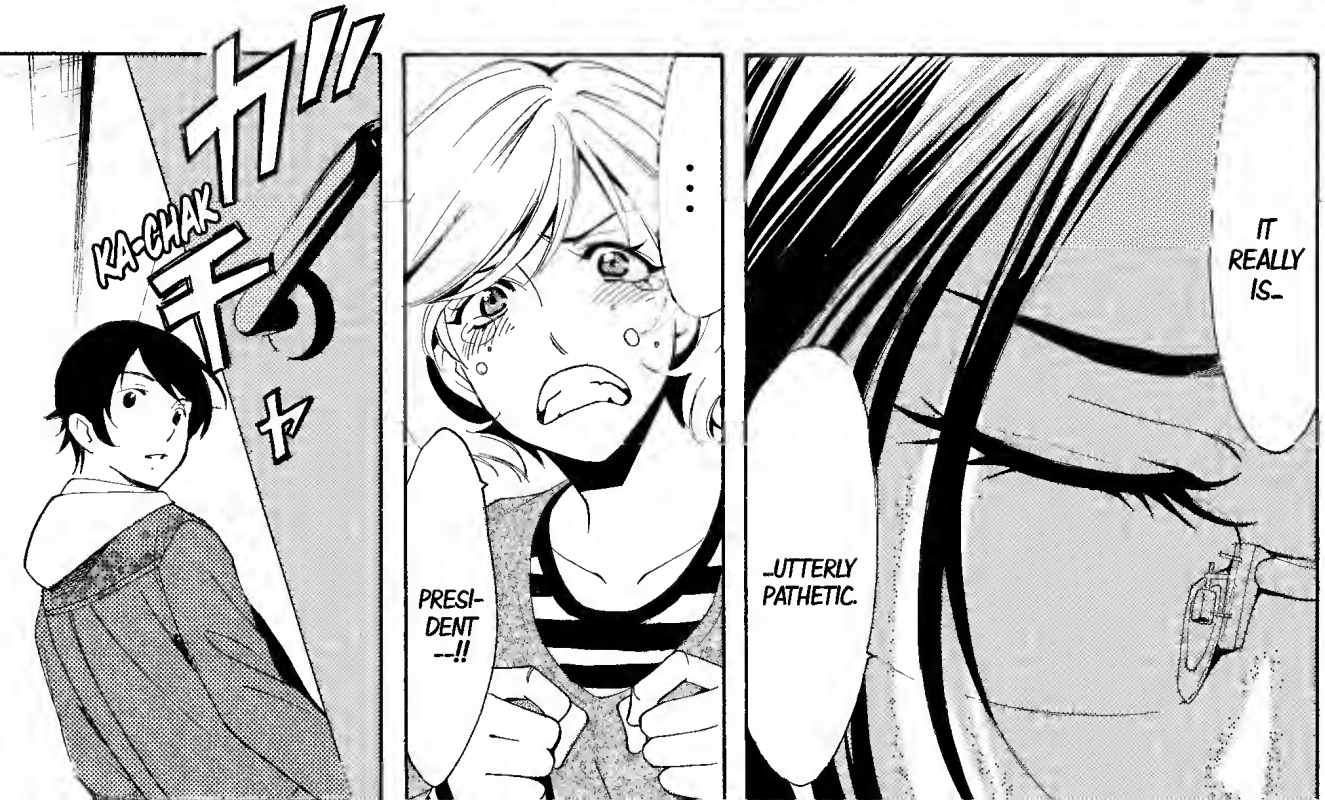

WE'RE ALREADY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PEAK FESTIVAL AND EVENT SEASON.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF WE CAN PAY ARTISTS WHO APPEAR.
AND WE WERE ALREADY A TARGET OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST MUSIC AGENCIES AROUND.

WHO WOULD WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH A COMPANY LIKE US?
THEY'D HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN FROM IT.

NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE SUPPORT AND FUND US...
...WE DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE OPTIMAL USE OF IT.
BUT--!!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
WE HAVE A TON OF SUPPORT ONLINE...
...AND A LOTS PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO HELP US THROUGH CROWD-FUNDING.


...BUT AFTER CUTTING TIES WITH MY BIG-LEAGUE COMPANY, I CAN'T EVEN BOOK ONE SHOW FOR MY ARTISTS.
IT'S PATHETIC, ISN'T IT?
THEY USED TO CALL ME A GENIUS PRODUCER...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PRESI-DENT --!!
...
...UTTERLY PATHETIC.
IT REALLY IS...

I'M BAAAACK!!
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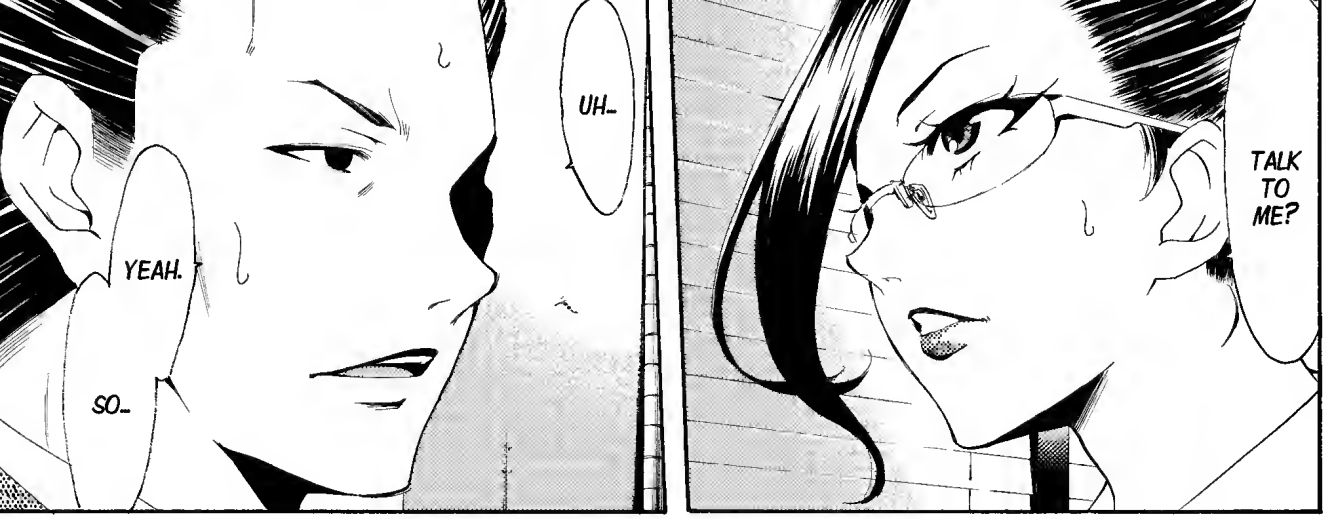
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE YOU'RE AT A FUNERAL.
PLEASE TRY TO READ THE MOOD.

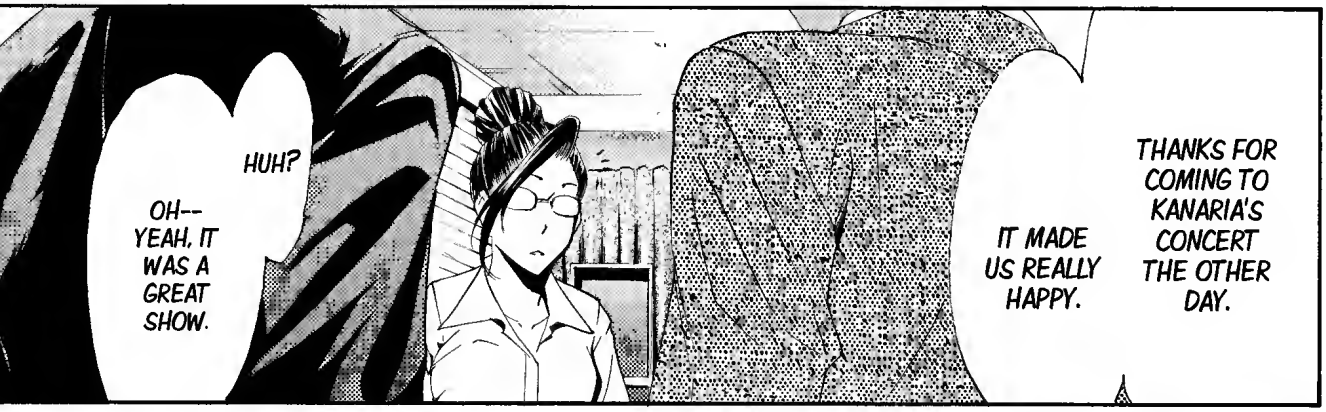
MOODS AREN'T SOMETHING YOU READ! THEY'RE SOMETHING YOU MAKE!!
SHOVE
RIGHT, YUU-KUN?!
WH-WHAT'S WITH YOU, FUUKA?
YOU'RE REALLY KEYED UP.
...
WELL, ACTU-ALLY...
I JUST CAME BACK FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE, AND I FOUND OUR SENPAI WANDERING AROUND DOWN-STAIRS, SO I BROUGHT THEM IN.
SEN-PAI?
YEP!!
COME ON, GET IN HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?!
TMP
TMP
OH.
...

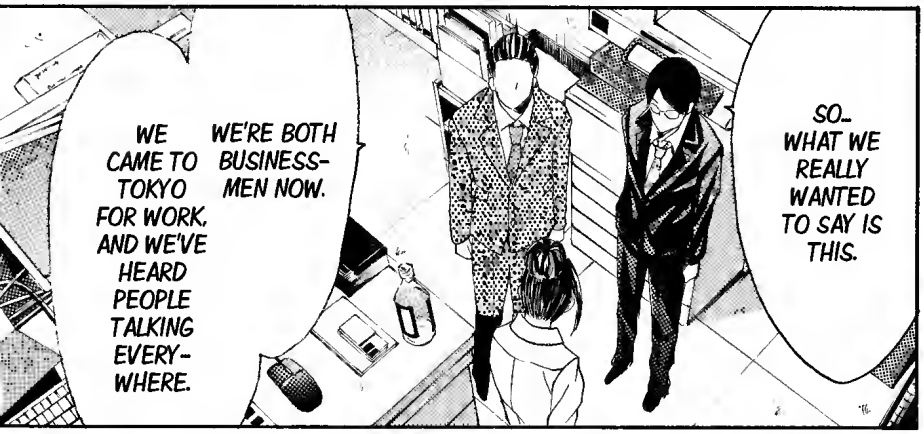
I-IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
..HI, THERE.

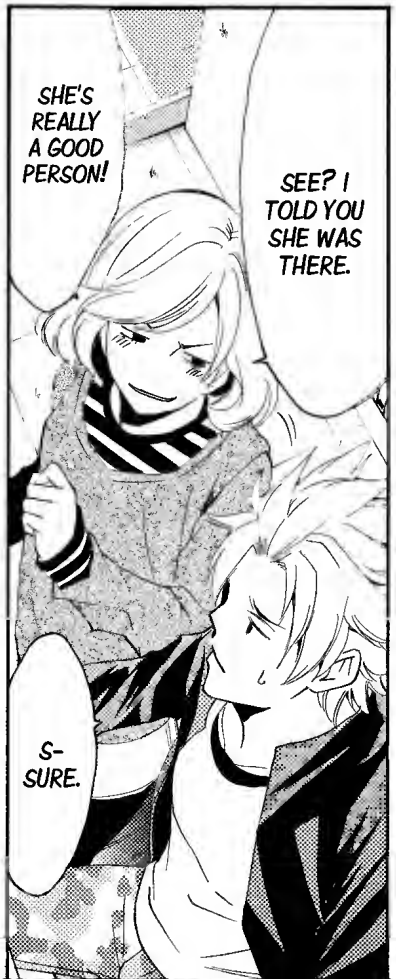
THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY WEREN'T SURE IF THEY SHOULD COME IN, SO I DRAGGED THEM UP HERE.
SEEMS THEY WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING, PRESIDENT.

SU-ZUYA-KUN..
AND MI-KUMA-KUN?
WHY ARE YOU GUYS--


TALK TO ME?
UH-
YEAH.
SO-


THANKS FOR COMING TO KANARIA'S CONCERT THE OTHER DAY.
IT MADE US REALLY HAPPY.
HUH?
OH-- YEAH, IT WAS A GREAT SHOW.


SO- WHAT WE REALLY WANTED TO SAY IS THIS.
WE'RE BOTH BUSINESS-MEN NOW.
WE CAME TO TOKYO FOR WORK. AND WE'VE HEARD PEOPLE TALKING EVERY-WHERE.


SEE? I TOLD YOU SHE WAS THERE.
SHE'S REALLY A GOOD PERSON!
S- SURE.

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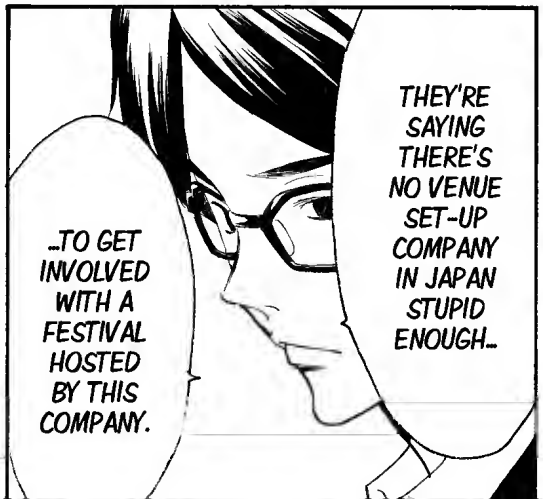
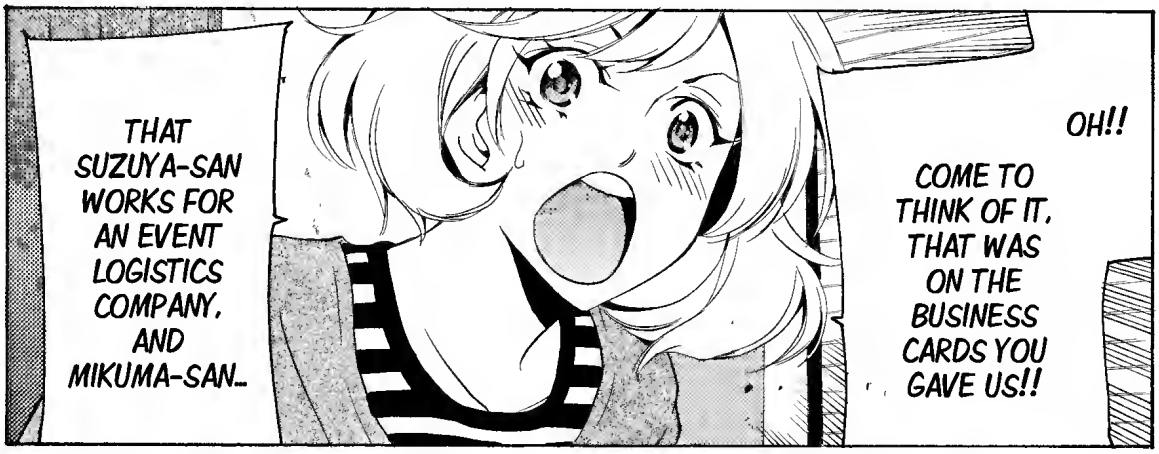
IS THAT RIGHT?


THEY'RE SAYING THERE'S NO VENUE SET-UP COMPANY IN JAPAN STUPID ENOUGH-
..TO GET INVOLVED WITH A FESTIVAL HOSTED BY THIS COMPANY.

IN THAT CASE...
...WOULD YOU LET US DO THE JOB?!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
YOU CAN DO THAT?!
...
HUH?

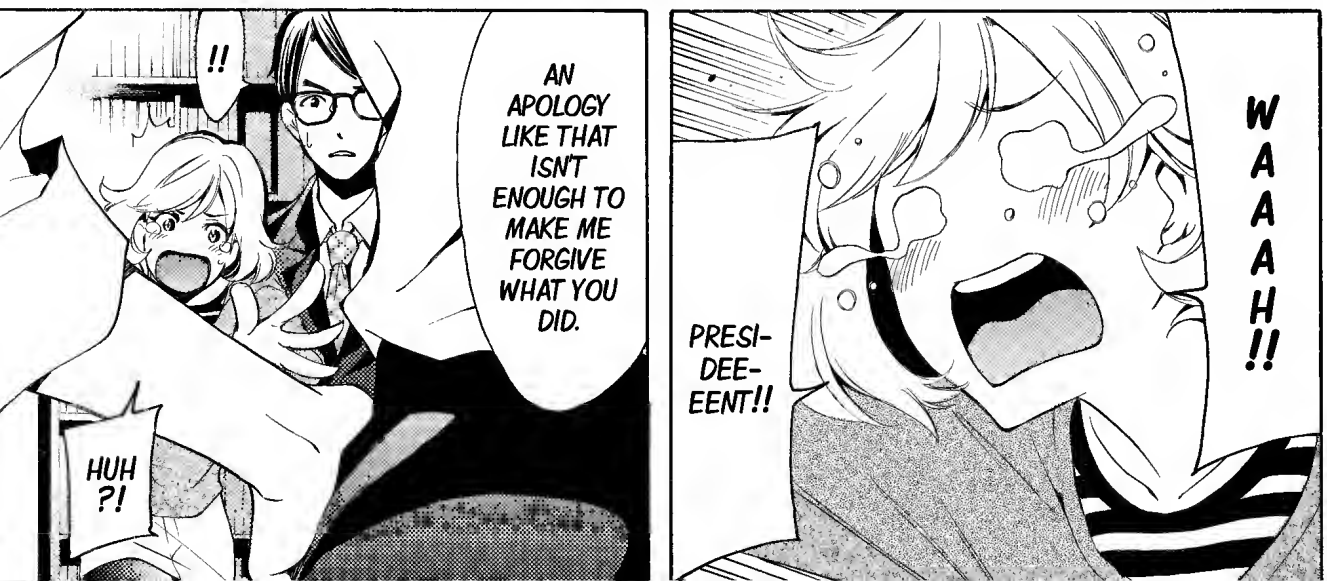
THE TRUTH IS, EVEN AFTER WE RAN FROM THIS COMPANY... WE STILL WANTED TO STAY INVOLVED WITH MUSIC.
SO I GOT A JOB AT A COMPANY THAT SETS UP TEMPORARY FESTIVAL AND EVENT FACILITIES.
WE USE IT TO SET UP MOST OF KANARIA'S LIVE VENUES, TOO.


OH!!
COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT WAS ON THE BUSINESS CARDS YOU GAVE US!!
THAT SUZUYA-SAN WORKS FOR AN EVENT LOGISTICS COMPANY, AND MIKUMA-SAN...

I WORK FOR A BUS COMPANY.
WE RUN SHUTTLE BUSES TO FESTIVALS FROM LOCAL AIRPORTS AND TRAIN STATIONS.

SO PLEASE LET US HELP YOU!
WE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT AFTER TEN YEARS, I'M SURE WE HAVE SOME INFLUENCE!
WE'LL CONVINCE OUR BOSSES, WHATEVER IT TAKES!!
LET'S HAVE THEM HELP, PRESIDENT!
YOU HEARD WHAT THEY SAID!
BUT--
WHAT WOULD YOU GUYS GAIN FROM THIS THIS?
GAINS AND LOSSES DON'T MATTER.
THIS ISN'T ABOUT THAT.
EVER SINCE WE RAN AWAY FROM THIS COMPANY...
...WE'VE BEEN HOPING A DAY LIKE THIS WOULD COME.
CLENCH

PLEASE LET US REPAY OUR DEBT TO YOU!
PLEASE!!


WAAAH!!
PRESI-DEE-EENT!!
AN APOLOGY LIKE THAT ISN'T ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FORGIVE WHAT YOU DID.
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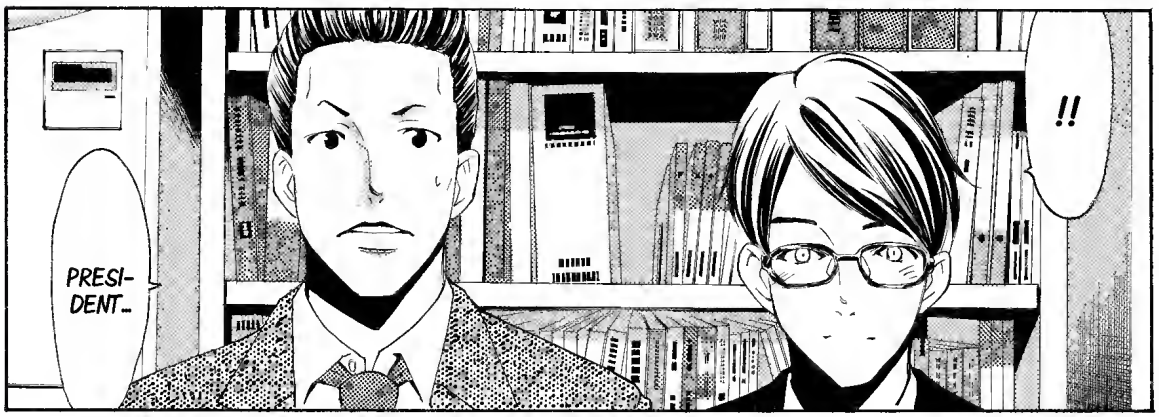
HUH ?!

I FORMALLY REQUEST THAT YOU APPEAR IN OUR FESTIVAL.
LEND US YOUR STRENGTH AS THE POPULAR BAND KANARIA.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PRESI-DENT...

OF COURSE WE WILL.
AND WE WON'T FAIL THIS TIME!

HONESTLY...
I COULDN'T BE MORE GRATE-FUL...
...THAT YOU TWO ARE AROUND.

ALL RIGHT!
THAT'S ONE PARTICIPAT-ING ACT CONFIRMED!!
PRESI-DEEEENT! I'LL FOLLOW YOU FOREVER!!
YAMMER
HEY, AOBA-CHAN, GET OFF ME.
YAMMER
WE SHOULD DRAW A FAIRLY BIG CROWD WITH KANARIA ON THE ROSTER, RIGHT?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FAIRLY"?